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1. THE RESOLUTION QUOTED IN REFTEL HAS NOW BEEN PUBLISHED IN DOCUMENT 1467 AS A DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF MADAGASCAR ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77. THE PERMREP OF MADAGASCAR CHAIRS THE GROUP OF 77 IN NEW YORK. WHILE THE RESOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE, IT MAY WELL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COURSE OF THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 24. IN ANY EVENT, INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE RESOLUTION WILL COMMENCE THAT WEEK. A NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COMMITTEE HAVE APPROACHED US, REQUESTING OUR REACTION TO THE G-77 DRAFT ON THE LINK BETWEEN
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THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND

THE UNGA. AMONG THESE, THE JAPANESE, THE GERMANS, AND THE ITALIANS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH US IN ADVANCE OF WIDER CONSULTATIONS. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE AND DELICACY OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE RESOLUTION, USUN WISHES TO BE IN A POSITION TO ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THESE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EARLY IN THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24. USUN, THEREFORE, REQUESTS EARLY GUIDANCE.

2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE A NUMBER OF ANXIETIES REGARDING THIS RESOLUTION. SOME OF THEM ARE POLITICAL, AND STEM FROM DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING THE SELECTION OF A REDUCED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IN ADDITION TO THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE G-77 HAVE AND CONTINUE TO FACE ON THIS ISSUE, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND PARTICULARLY THE EC-9 COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES, ARE APPREHENSIVE DUE TO THE UK POSITION ON PARTICIPATION. OBVIOUSLY, FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, THE REDUCED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE CIEC IS THE PRINCIPAL MOTIVE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LINK BETWEEN THE CONFERENCE AND THE UNGA. THESE COUNTRIES WISH TO EXERT SOME INFLUENCE ON THE CIEC AND THE WORK OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS THROUGH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS MOTIVATION SETS UP A NUMBER OF JURISDICTIONAL QUESTIONS. ONLY INFREQUENTLY HAS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTEMPTED TO ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH A NON-UN MULTILATERAL BODY. THE LACK OF PRECEDENT FOR THIS, AND THE PRESENCE OF SOME DISTASTEFUL PRECEDENTS SUCH AS THE ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH SOME CLOSER LINK BETWEEN THE UNGA AND GATT, COMPOUNDS THE DIFFICULTIES OF SECOND COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS IN CONSIDERING THIS RESOLUTION.

3. FOR OUR PART, ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE US DELEGATION AT THE CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN TO PRESERVE THE ATMOSPHERE AND SUBSTANTIVE GAINS OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. WE ARE NOT TWO WEEKS FROM THE END OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF WORK AT THIS SESSION AND HAVE SO FAR MANAGED TO PRESERVE THE IMPROVED CLIMATE OF DC/LDC NEGOTIATION ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES. CONSIDERATION OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL, HOWEVER, PROVIDE A REAL TEST.

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